

REMARKS

In the Office Action of September 26, 2005 the Examiner entered a restriction requirement as between claims 1-22 and 48-59 (Group I) and claims 23-47 (Group II). In addition, the Examiner is requiring a further conditional species election.

Consequently, Applicants are electing claims 1-23 and 48-55 (Group I) and further electing the species of Figures 27-31, with traverse. Applicants are canceling claims 24-47 and 60-64 (Group II) as drawn to a non-elected invention and also canceling claims 56-59 as drawn to a non-elected species.

As indicated above, the election is being made with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that the further restriction to the species of Figures 37-39, 40-42, and 43-45 is unnecessary. Each of the depicted embodiments includes the liquid impermeable barrier of claim 49. Thus, it would seem that a common search of all of the species is warranted and may even be more economical.

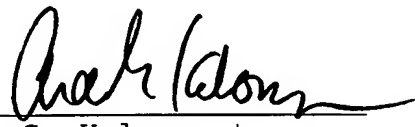
Further, Applicants submit that claim 23 should be included with the claims of Group I for the reason that it is dependent from claim 22, which in turn, is dependent from claim 19. Because claim 19 is included in Group I, Applicant believes that the respective dependent claim 23 should be included in Group I.

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Finally, Applicants also respectfully reserve the right to later pursue the non-elected claims in a continuing application. Favorable consideration of the claims are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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